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A note from NESDIS Assistant Administrator Dr. Stephen Volz:

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Charles (Chuck) Wooldridge has been named Director of the International and Interagency Affairs Division (IIAD) of NOAA's Satellite and Information Service. As you may know, Chuck has been serving as Acting Director of IIAD since January of this year, overseeing and sustaining NESDIS's international and interagency partnerships.

These relationships are vital. We benefit tremendously from the data that our international partners provide. But data sharing isn't the end of the story. Every day our partnerships are becoming more



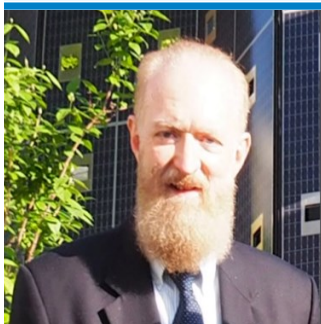
mature and diverse, with hosted payloads and joint missions a part of how we do business. The result is more and better environmental intelligence---a tremendous value for U.S. taxpayers.

NOAA and NESDIS cannot meet our mission goals without strong and supportive partnerships, and the work Chuck and his organization do are essential to establish-

ing, maintaining and strengthening those partnerships. The depth of experience in international relations, planning, and policy that Chuck has acquired during his 28-year NOAA career make him the perfect person to take over the leadership of this critical NESDIS office. This experience will serve him and NESDIS well as he works to nurture our existing relationships and develop new ones in fulfillment of the NESDIS mission.

Please join me in congratulating Chuck on his new position. Clearly, the Division is in experienced and capable hands.

Stephen M. Volz
Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services



Departures

Brent Smith

On February 8, we celebrated Brent Smith's distinguished US Government career spanning more than 36 years. The international space community benefited tremendously

from Brent's significant contributions to GEO, CEOS, and numerous bilateral partnerships. Members of the NOAA family and our interagency and international partners joined together to express appreciation to Brent for a job well done. Earth Observations representatives from around the world sent greetings for a happy and well deserved retirement. Brent promises to stay engaged in select international Earth Observations activities into the future. We all look forward to staying in contact with Brent.

Daniel Muller

Daniel Muller has left NESDIS to become the Deputy Director at the National Weather Service's International Activities Office.

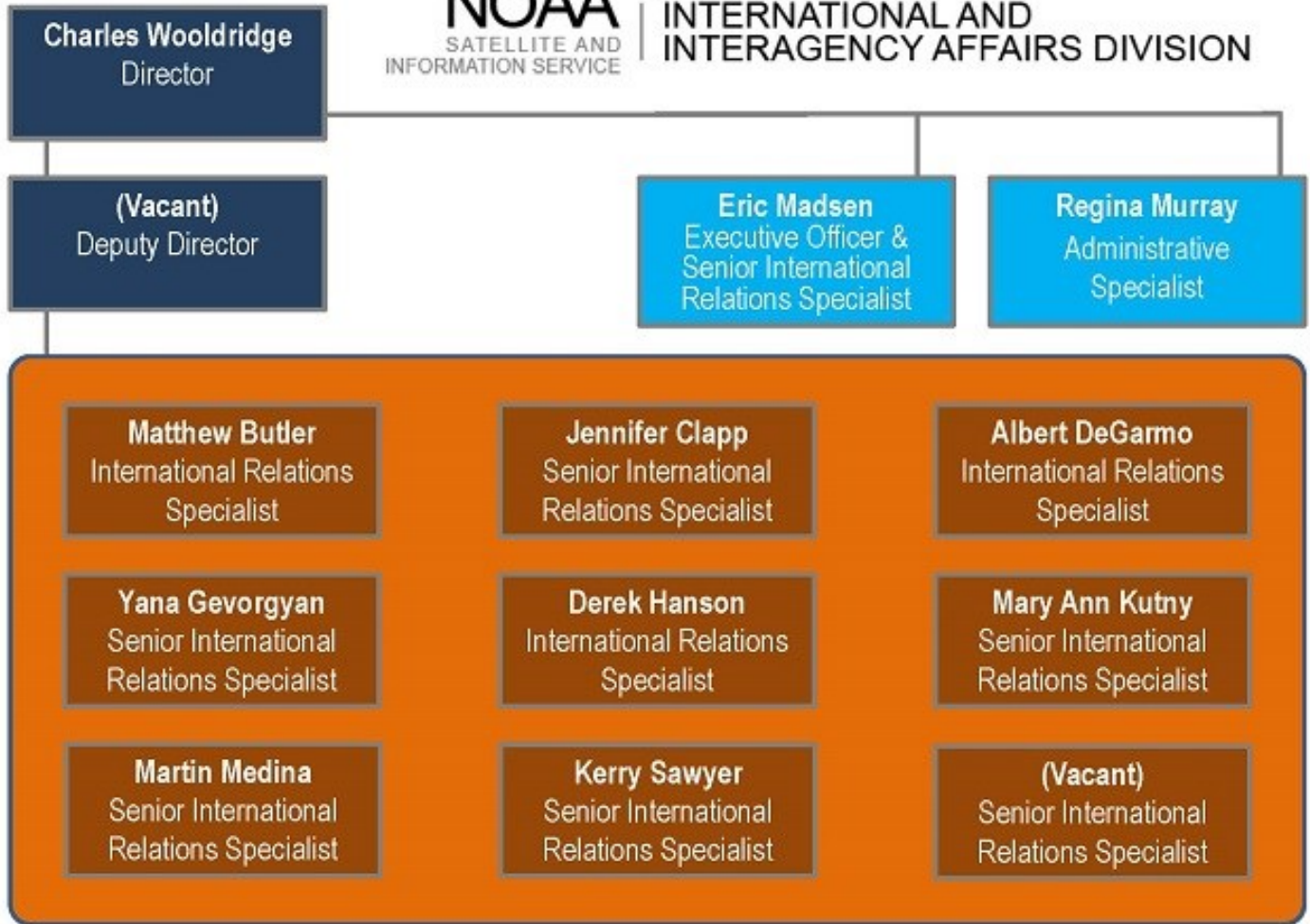
Arrivals

Matthew Butler

Matt moved to Washington DC from Minnesota to attend American University School of International Service. In his time in Washington, he interned at the Department of State Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, the National Democratic Institute, Center on Global Interests, and was named a Presidential Management Fellow. He recently graduated from American with a Master's degree in Global Governance, Politics, and Security focusing on Europe and Russia.

Albert DeGarmo

Texas raised, Albert moved to Washington D.C. to attend American University. He recently completed his Master's program, Global Governance Politics and Security and was selected for a Presidential Management Fellowship. Albert spent his first years in D.C. interning in country and abroad with the U.S. State Department, specifically focusing on environmental and climate security.



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